

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-7 and 12-21 were pending. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 12-21. As claims 1-7 have now been canceled, Applicants believe that claims are now in condition for allowance.

Applicants note that the double patenting rejection is moot, since claims 1-7 have been rejected.

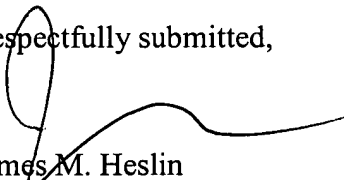
Applicants further note that the objection to the specification has been overcome as a brief description of Fig. 3B has now been provided.

Applicants note that the indefiniteness rejections of claims 1-7 have been overcome by the cancellation of these claims.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance and request that the application be passed to issue at an early date.

If for any reason the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would in any way expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (650) 326-2400.

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